नई कृषि नीति

1823. श्री एन० गिरि प्रसाद :
श्री एन० ई० बलराम :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने नई कृषि नीति बना ली है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उक्त नीति को बनाने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) उक्त नीति की घोषणा कब तक कर दिये जाने की संभावना है और इसकी मुख्य-मुख्य विशेषतायें क्या हैं ; और

(घ) उक्त नीति के कार्यान्वयन से अनुमानतः कितने छोटे किसानों के वर्तमान जीवन-स्तर में सुधार होने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने राज्यों के साथ विचार विमर्श के लिए एक प्रारूप कृषि नीति संकल्प को अन्तिम रूप दिया है। इस प्रारूप नीति का उद्देश्य, भारतीय कृषि की प्रमुख चुनौतियों और इसकी ओर अभिप्रेत अल्प रोजगार, बेरोजगारी तथा कुपोषण जैसी समस्याओं से कृषि के विविधिकरण और कृषि आधारित उद्योग के उत्थान के द्वारा निपटना है । इसका उद्देश्य संसाधन, विपणन तथा भण्डार सुविधाओं, वर्षासिंचित तथा सिंचित बागवानी का संवर्धन, बायो-मास उत्पादन का संवर्धन और सिंचाई क्षमता तथा जल संरक्षण की उन्नति का बेहतर उपयोग करना भी है। इसका ध्येय कृषि के विकास में गैर-सरकारी संगठनों के वर्धमान जुड़ाव और स्थानीय समुदायों को पुनर्सक्रिय और सुदृढ़ बनाना भी है। इस नई नीति को राज्य सरकारों से परामर्श के बाद प्रस्तुत किया जाएगा।

(घ) यह नीति कृषि के सभी क्षेत्रों के समग्र विकास को तीव्र करने और आर्थिक व्यवहार्यता के लिए एक मात्र विस्तृत ढांचे का निर्माण करती है।

Starvation Deaths in Koraput District of Orissa

1824. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE:
SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express of September 20,1992 under caption "Hunger, disease take toll of 100 tribal lives in Koraput", reporting about 100 more starvation deaths in the Kasipur block an under-developed region of Koraput district, besides eight such deaths in Doldola hamlet of the same district and if so, the details thereof;

(b) what steps have been and are being taken by Government to prevent starvation deaths in the region which is reported to have become an yearly phenomenon; and

(c) whether any report has been received from the Government of Orissa in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : , (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Orissa ' after spot enquiry by two senior officers have reported that there were 8 deaths bet-i ween 23rd August, 1992 and 31st August,

1992 in 3 families in Doldola village, details of are given below:

1. *Family of Bisu Khosla*

(i) Kumari Khosla 16 years daughter of Bisu Khosla.

(ii) Benu Khosla 6 years grandson of Bisu Khosla.

(ii) Mina Khosla 35 years son of Bisu Khosla.

(iv) Pati Khosla 2 years grand daughter of Bisu Khosla

(v) Bisu Khosla 58 years.

2. *Family of Kamili Saunta*

(i) Trinath Saunta 9 years son of Kamili Saunta.

(ii) Sambaru Saunta 5 years son of Kamili Saunta

3. *Family of Dasuru Jani*

(i) Liu Jani 35 years son of Dasuru Jani.

The enquiry revealed that these deaths were due to food poisoning.

The bereaved families have been provided with financial assistance amounting to Rs. 32,000. Free Kitchens have been started and the normal feeding programme under the ICDS has been continuing. Employment intensive works are also being planned. The harvest of Kharif crop and resumption of labour intensive works will provide further relief in the area.

Increase in Fertilizer Prices

1825. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how far the increase in fertiliser prices, by way of decontrol of Phosphorous and pottassium fertilisers and 10 per cent withdrawal of subsidy on Urea, has been off-set by way of increase in support prices of Kharif crops produce; and

(b) the percentage of profit assured to the farmers thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) The minimum support prices (MSP) of Kharif crops for 1992-93, although not affected by increase in fertiliser prices, have been substantially increased as compared to the last year. The increase in MSP per quintal is Rs. 40 for paddy, Rs. 35 for millets, Rs. 95 for pulses, Rs. 105 for groundnut, Rs. 80 for soyabeen, Rs. 130 for sunflower and Rs. 105-110 for cotton.

(b) The minimum support prices announced by the Government not only cover the cost of production but also a reasonable margin of profit as an incentive to the farmers to invest and improve production and productivity.

Short-Fall in Production of Foodgrains

1826. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a fall in foodgrain production due to diversion of land to more lucrative crops; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to ensure that foodgrain production does not go down to a low level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

(a) No, Sir. There is no fall in foodgrain production in the country, as rate of growth of production of foodgrains during 1980-81 to 1990-91 was observed as 3.15% per annum, despite negative growth in area under foodgrains as (—) 0.14% per annum during the same period.

(b) Besides price and market support, the Government is implementing various programmes like Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP); Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD); National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) etc. including Mini-Kit Programme under these schemes, for increasing the production of foodgrains in the country.